



# Waltham Forest News

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## Creating a better place to live

Dear Resident,

What a year 2012 has been in Waltham Forest. As well as the many events taking place and the Games happening right on our doorstep, we have also been working hard to create a better place for our residents to live.

We have focused on delivering better streets, better shopping and better leisure facilities and some of the

highlights have included the transformation of High Road Leyton, the William Morris Gallery and Lloyd Park re-openings following multi-million pound refurbishments and shop fronts in Walthamstow and Leyton benefitting from a makeover. I hope you have noticed and enjoyed the changes taking place in the borough.

We are an ambitious borough and as we move in to a post Games era, we will continue the work to regenerate

Waltham Forest. Going forward we will progress with our shop front project as part of our work to create Better High Streets. We will also focus on Better Schools to provide our children with a quality place to learn and Better Leisure facilities through an upgrade to our leisure centres.

Work will continue on our largest park project Leyton Jubilee Park (formerly Marsh Lane Playing Fields). Local teams will be fully equipped as the new changing pavilion is expected to be open by the end of October and the new football pitches will be ready for September 2013.

There will be opportunities for you to get involved in what's happening so please do have your say and help us make our borough a better place to live in.

Some of the changes you'll start to see immediately, while others will take time. We will continue to keep you informed of the changes through Waltham Forest News and online at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)

Yours faithfully

**Chris Robbins**

Leader of Waltham Forest Council



**Waltham Forest**



# Better High Streets



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## Creating a better place to live

The Games have been and gone but we are continuing our work to regenerate the borough. You have told us that improving the borough's streets and shopping facilities continues to be a priority and the Council has committed to spend £9million on improving the borough's high streets over the next few years.

Already this year, we have:

- Renewed 60 shop fronts on Walthamstow High Street and High Road Leyton with new frontages and design.
- Attracted new stall holders for Wood Street Indoor Market and Walthamstow Market offering you a new and wider selection of food, crafts, antiques and gifts.
- Installed a new foot and cycle bridge over the A12 to ensure residents could access the Olympic Park and the facilities that will remain after the Games.
- Provided residents and visitors with safer and more attractive streets in Leyton, Leytonstone and Wood Street.

Following on from the success of the shop front and street improvement works in the borough nine more areas have now been identified to receive a similar treatment.

**All of the areas will receive shop front and street improvements works as well as other area specific work.**

Highlights include:

- Blackhorse Lane** – new entrances to Walthamstow Wetlands including new cycle and pedestrian routes, signage, landscaping and cycle parking.
- South Chingford** – work with property owners to bring vacant flats above shops back into use.
- Francis Road** - will benefit from highways work, road safety measures and additional tree planting.
- Higham Hill** - improved pedestrian access to and from Higham Hill Park.

- Lea Bridge Road and Bakers Arms** – street improvements to the junction, feature lighting and bike stands.
- Leytonstone** – improved area around Leytonstone High Road overground station with artwork and feature lighting.
- South Leyton** - improved appearance of shop fronts and the surrounding area, and some further highway works at key locations.
- Walthamstow** - highways work and road safety measures along the High Street, South Grove and the surrounding area as well as art interventions to unattractive blank walls.
- Wood Street** – improved play areas and artwork integrated into the area, including on some blank walls and shutters.

For detailed information and regular updates visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)



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## Standing together

Community backed campaign to stop the English Defence League from returning to Waltham Forest

**Far-right group the English Defence League (EDL) is once again threatening to come to Waltham Forest.**

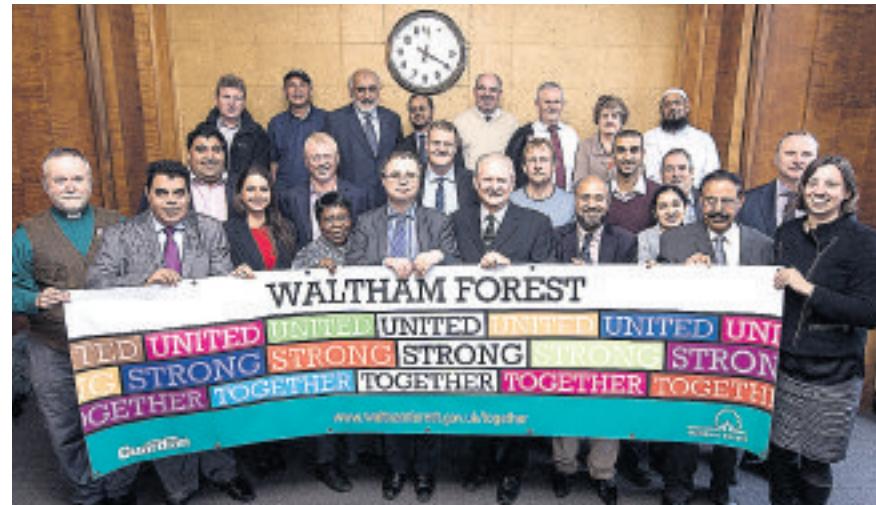
A community backed campaign to stop the EDL from marching in Waltham Forest for a second time in as many months has seen more than 1,200 people sign up to show their support in just one week.

Led by Waltham Forest Council, with the backing of local newspaper The Guardian, the campaign 'Waltham Forest United Strong Together' is calling on the Home Secretary to stop the EDL from returning to the borough.

Following correspondence with the Home Secretary to take action to protect Waltham Forest residents from the onslaught of the far-right group, the Leader of the Council Chris Robbins was invited by MP Iain Duncan Smith to sit down and discuss the issues with the Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley at the minister's offices.

Chris Robbins said: "We had a very constructive meeting. The Police are taking our concerns seriously which is good to hear and we're now in contact with the highest levels within the Met.

"As I have highlighted before



Waltham Forest's politicians, community leaders and representatives from the Faith Communities Forum are supporting the campaign

this campaign is not about the right to protest peacefully, this is about the EDL targeting our community by threatening to return to the borough less than 60 days after they last marched here.

"We'll continue to liaise with the government and Police to ensure that they act on residents' concerns."

The EDL marched through Walthamstow on Saturday 1 September, and are now making plans to return to the borough on Saturday 27 October.

A host of politicians and community leaders including MP John Cryer and representatives from the Faith Communities Forum turned out to show their support at the campaign's official launch last week.

Chris added: "Waltham Forest is a fantastic community made up of residents from all sorts of backgrounds and walks of life. It's these differences that make the borough the place it is today - we're part of a thriving city that is united, strong and stands

together."

Residents can sign an online petition or fill in and send back the slip on p5 of this edition of Waltham Forest News to get their voices heard - the EDL are not welcome in Waltham Forest!

### More info

For more information and to sign the petition visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



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## In my opinion

### Paula David

Local Writer, Highams Park



As a professional writer I feel strongly that other keen writers in Waltham Forest should have more opportunities to develop and improve their craft.

Over the past few years I searched for writing opportunities in the local area

and I felt that more needed to be done to encourage people to write. I also felt that these activities should be open to a broader section of the community.

Taking part in various workshops and writing poetry for the Carnival of Monsters Exhibition in Nottingham improved my skills tremendously. I have published poetry in anthologies and had three plays performed as a result of opportunities such as these.

For this reason I founded the Voices Unite project to bring diverse parts of the community together to discuss and respond to the theme 'identity' through creative writing. Over the summer new and experienced writers from across the borough took part in creative writing workshops funded by Waltham Forest Council and led by me. Art and design students at Leyton Six Form College also created visual art on the theme 'identity'.

The workshops took place at Leytonstone Library, the Limes Children's Centre and at the Langthorne Park Festival. It was great to see participants from every age group and ethnicity coming together to create.

Writers from different sections of the community were able to share their experiences, views and opinions. We created an anthology of their work called Identities Unite, which reflects some of those experiences and views. The artwork was displayed and celebrated at Leytonstone Library on Thursday 19 July during an evening of spoken word and music. The anthology was formally launched on Sunday 9 September at the Council's Leyton Day event.

Free copies of the anthology are now available from Vestry House Museum, the William Morris Gallery, Tokarska Gallery, Water Works Nature Reserve and Leyton, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Wood Street, Lea Bridge and Highams Park Libraries.

Negotiations for funding for a similar project are underway so please get in touch if you are a local budding writer looking for guidance and support. Visit <http://pauladavid.co.uk> for more information.

All writers need the space and opportunity to develop their craft. Creating opportunities for writers within a borough such as Waltham Forest is essential. This diverse community has a plethora of gifted writers that we have a unique opportunity to nurture.

### Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: [walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk) and tell us what you'd like to write about.



# Leisure Centres get health boost

- Multi-million pound investment to refurbish borough's leisure centres
- Work is already underway at some centres

**Residents will see their local leisure centres benefit from a major health kick as part of the Council's 'Creating a better place' campaign thanks to the signing of a new leisure management contract.**

The deal with 'Better', the Council's leisure centre operator formerly known as GLL, will see all of Waltham Forest's leisure centres refurbished, one completely rebuilt and another thoroughly overhauled.

Major changes will include a brand new Waltham Forest Pool and Track, which promises residents more than ever before, including a climbing wall, two new five-

a-side football pitches and fantastic new kids' facilities. The swimming pool, diving zone, gym and athletics track will all be brought up to spec as part of the rebuild.

Cathall Leisure Centre will be extended and revamped, with a new sports hall, larger fitness suite, new studio and ICT suite. Elsewhere, Leyton Leisure Lagoon will be refurbished and improved while Larkswood Leisure Centre, Kelmscott Leisure Centre and Plumtree Studios will be given a thorough makeover.

Work is well underway at Kelmscott Leisure Centre, where customers are already enjoying the refurbished outdoor football, hockey and

netball facilities and newly laid flooring inside the sports hall. A sprung floor gymnasium will be installed by the end of October.

Work also began today (Monday 1 October) at Plumtree Studios in Leyton. The transformation will include a new 70 station gym, fully refurbished changing rooms and a new fast track entry system. The centre will be closed until the work is complete in January 2013.

Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Well-being, told Waltham Forest News: "The refurbishment of all of the borough's leisure centres is fantastic news for local people. It seems very fitting that the work is beginning

during our Olympic Year and building on our Games-time legacy to inspire a generation.

"Providing better leisure facilities for our residents is a key part of the Council's regeneration plans and will help get more of our residents participating in sporting activities and, ultimately, living healthier lives."

Keep an eye out for more information in future editions of Waltham Forest News.

### More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace) or phone 020 8496 3000.

## Waltham Forest News

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# Jobs for local people

- **Council and Tesco create 75 jobs for long-term unemployed**
- **Borough residents benefit from training, qualifications and jobs**

**Thanks to an agreement between Waltham Forest Council and Tesco, the supermarket's new store off Larkshall Road in Highams Park will employ a number of local people when it opens on Thursday 4 October - including 75 long-term unemployed residents.**

The Council has worked in partnership with Tesco, Jobcentre Plus and Waltham

Forest College to not only secure jobs for local people, but training too.

At a graduation ceremony on Friday 14 September the new employees celebrated passing their City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service and a Royal Society of Public Health Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering.

This was the culmination of a process that began with

open days attended by over 600 residents. These allowed prospective candidates to understand the type of roles available before signing up for interview skills workshops run by Jobcentre Plus.

In all, 450 local people signed up for the workshops that provided sessions on interview skills and techniques, literacy and numeracy tests, and help with completing the Tesco application form.

This then progressed to one-to-one interviews, after which successful candidates were invited to work taster sessions at one of three local Tesco stores before completing their pre-employment training at Waltham Forest College, which comprised of a five-week course.

Clr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic

Development and Corporate Resources, said, "By working in partnership with Tesco, a great many of the new jobs have gone to local people, not least the 75 long-term unemployed residents that took part in this scheme.

"We're working hard as a Council with a new team set up specifically to address employment in the borough to ensure we do all we can to ensure local people benefit from opportunities that open up in and around Waltham Forest."

## More info

To find out more about the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterstreets](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterstreets). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Clr Mark Rusling (far right) with one of the graduates and Tesco representatives

# Black History Month

- **Waltham Forest celebrates Black History Month with a host of special events**
- **Why not see what events are on offer for you and your family?**



You can download a full programme of events from the Council website

**October sees communities around the world celebrate Black History Month and residents of Waltham Forest can take the opportunity to explore and celebrate the borough's rich cultural heritage as the Council marks the**

**month with a programme of events.**

Reflecting the fact that 2012 is the 50th Anniversary of Independence of both Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, the theme for Black History Month 2012 is 'The Legacy of Independence.'

Some of the highlights of the celebrations include a 'Tracing your African and Caribbean family tree' event at Hale End Library on Wednesday 17 October and 'From the Lens to a Lyric' at Walthamstow Library on Tuesday 16 October. This event is an evening of pomp and poetry celebrating 100 years of Caribbean colonial history and the poetry it has inspired.

Vestry House Museum and all Waltham Forest Libraries will be hosting activities and events. From film workshops to art exhibitions, author events to art and crafts, there are lots of ways to get involved.

The Council is also asking residents young and old to submit their own original artwork, photos and poetry on the theme 'Recognising

the Past, Shaping the Future: What Black History Month Means to Me'.

The competition is open from Monday 1 to Wednesday 31 October. Entries can be submitted by email to [librarypromotions@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:librarypromotions@walthamforest.gov.uk) or at any Waltham Forest Library.

Other events taking place during the month will include film and writing workshops, story-telling sessions and musical events.

A full schedule of events can also be found on the Council's website.

## More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bhm](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bhm) or drop into your nearest library to see what events are on offer.

## In brief

### Council bookie talks

Betting shop Chief Executives have been invited to talks with Waltham Forest Council as the local authority looks to build on their action to address the proliferation of bookmakers in the borough. Since 2005 the number of betting shops in town centres in Waltham Forest has risen by 39 per cent. The Council has recently agreed a £9 million regeneration plan for the borough's high streets, and ensuring the right mix of outlets is key to the success of that investment programme. In her letter inviting bookmakers to talk to the Council, Councillor Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Housing and Town Centre Management, says: 'I believe that betting shops do have a place on our high streets, but the right balance must be struck.'

- **For more information on the Council's regeneration plans visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**



## Margaret Centre marks 25th year

The Margaret Centre at Whipps Cross University Hospital, which has been providing specialist palliative care for 25 years, marked its silver jubilee with a special celebration on Wednesday 26 September. Since opening in 1987 the Margaret Centre has been providing palliative care for local people affected by life-limiting illness, such as cancer and motor neurone disease, helping them to remain independent for as long as possible. The Centre also supports patients' families and carers, both in the community and within the hospital. The event featured performances from local school and community groups, a memory tree and a special anniversary cake. There were also displays of memorabilia and service information, and a commemorative booklet to mark the occasion.

- **For more information email [margaretcentre@whippsx.nhs.uk](mailto:margaretcentre@whippsx.nhs.uk) or phone 020 8535 6952.**

## 'Everyday Encounters'

An exhibition by the Society of Designer Craftsmen will open at the refurbished William Morris Gallery on Saturday 13 October. Everyday Encounters explores William Morris' idea that the objects we use in our daily lives have the potential to make life more fulfilling. Twenty eight artists will display their work, which includes textiles, ceramics, metal, jewellery and book arts. Many of the items on display will be available to buy. The show will run until February 2013 and is the second temporary exhibition to be housed in the Gallery's new extension. A programme of adult and family events will accompany the exhibition. The Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm. Pre-booked schools and groups are also welcome on Tuesdays. Entry is free.

- **For more information visit [www.wmgallery.org.uk](http://www.wmgallery.org.uk) or phone 020 8496 4390.**

# Priorities



Over the past two years the Council's priorities have seen extra money spent on street cleansing, regeneration including a new pedestrian and cycle bridge at Ruckholt Road, improved high streets and paying for extra police officers

## Your priorities, our priorities

- Council set to announce new priorities based on residents' views
- A look back at how we've met our objectives to date

We're well aware that the recession has made things difficult for many residents, and because of financial challenges the Council has had to make considerable savings of its own.

In 2011/12 alone, for example, we made some £29 million worth of savings. While this has meant difficult decisions and changes to services we have nevertheless tried to make every penny count while investing in the services that matter most to you and your family.

The Council's four new priorities will be launched in the next edition of Waltham Forest News.

So let us take this opportunity to look back at what we set out to do and what we've achieved as a borough in the past few years.

### Priority: get cleaner and greener

You told us that clean streets were important

to you, so we invested £500,000 in a new enviro-crime street team who work to blitz problem areas and combat problems like fly-tipping and graffiti. We also extended our bulky waste collection service to offer you unlimited free collections and began waging a war on the unsightly front gardens that drive us all potty when we pass them.

On top of this we invested £200,000 in improving our recycling service, which means you can now recycle more than ever before.

#### Priority: improve the safety of our community

You told us that feeling safe in your own neighbourhood was one of your key concerns, so we continue to work with our hardworking police colleagues in order to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

While policing is, by and

large, the Met's responsibility we decided to spend £900,000 on funding 27 additional police officers while ensuring Council staff have the resources they need to clamp down on anti-social behaviour.

Though not a problem that affects many of us, gang crime is a real issue in certain neighbourhoods. Rather than shy away from the problem, the Council has invested £1 million in an innovative anti-gangs initiative – named 'Enough Is Enough' – that is reaping real rewards and has been praised by newspapers, politicians and senior civil servants alike.

#### Priority: regenerate our borough

When we've spoken to residents, regeneration has been a common theme. You acknowledged the fact that the borough is improving, but have made it clear that you want better

streets, better shops and better leisure opportunities. We've committed to making this happen, and have overseen major investments in places like High Road Leyton, Wood Street and Walthamstow High Street with more set to come.

We've also secured a new multi-million-pound leisure contract which will see the borough's sports centres overhauled – and in one case rebuilt from the ground up – and have recently reopened the stunning William Morris Gallery with a temporary exhibition from one of the country's most feted modern designers, Grayson Perry.

#### Priority: protecting the most vulnerable

While we're committed to helping every family in every way we can, we also know that we have to go above and beyond for vulnerable residents who are in difficult circumstances. Because

of this we are transforming our social care services. An ever-increasing number of our vulnerable residents are now receiving direct payments, to give them the choice to select the help and services they need ensuring they receive the bespoke help and services they want.

We are also investing heavily in our local schools to ensure every child gets the best possible start in life.

#### Priority: make the most of the Olympic year

The Games may have finished, but we'd wager that every single resident has fond memories of them. As well as bringing Olympic-related funding to the borough and securing legacy benefits, we have also helped residents access jobs, training and volunteering opportunities; brokered sporting bursaries for promising young athletes; ensured hundreds of schoolchildren got tickets via

the 'Get Set' initiative and entertained more than 55,000 people with our thrilling 'Big 6' events. We also welcomed the Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relays to the borough with a number of free family events.

#### And now?

We spoke to hundreds of you as part of this summer's Council priorities conversation. We will be exploring these in the next edition of Waltham Forest News, so be sure to keep your eyes peeled to find out how we're helping create a better borough for you and every other resident of Waltham Forest.

#### More info

For more information about all the services the Council provides, visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://walthamforest.gov.uk). Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.



## Emmanuel Community School

A new Primary School with a Christian ethos, welcoming children from all faiths and none, currently situated in Emmanuel Christian Centre, Erskine Road, Walthamstow E17 6SA and moving to The Drive, Walthamstow E17 in September 2013.

Emmanuel Community School opened in September 2012 as a single form entry school that seeks to offer an outstanding and broad-based Christian-focused education, with high standards of behaviour, literacy and numeracy for our pupils.

**A few places available in Reception class for 2012 and admissions for Reception class for September 2013 open now.**



For more information and a copy of our prospectus contact the school or download from our website.

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Waltham Forest's diverse community is once again being targeted by the far-right English Defence League (EDL) as they propose to march on Saturday 27 October, just weeks after their previous demonstration in the area.

Whilst we agree that everyone has the right to protest, this latest stand by people with no connection to our borough is an abuse of this right.

Our community is one where people from all sorts of backgrounds get on well with each other. We do not want the EDL here.

EDL marches in Telford, Tower Hamlets and Luton were banned and our residents deserve the same protection.

Help us call upon the Home Secretary to take action to protect ordinary Waltham Forest residents by telling the EDL that they cannot march on the streets of Waltham Forest.

To show your support please complete and return this slip to the free post address or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together) to sign the online petition.

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# Environment

## In brief

### Brown bins back to fortnightly collections

The collection of brown bins on a weekly basis for the summer months has come to an end and residents should now revert back to their fortnightly collections schedule. The introduction of weekly collection saw a 30 per cent rise in the amount of compostable waste that was collected by Waltham Forest Council over the summer months. The move was so successful that the Council has pledged to repeat the doubling of collections next summer and in the meantime is encouraging all residents to continue to put food and garden waste in their brown bins.

- To find out what organic waste you can dispose of visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling) Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Local children enjoy some of the new play equipment at Lloyd Park

### Lloyd Park reopens

Thousands of local people turned out to celebrate the reopening of the refurbished Lloyd Park on Saturday 15 September. The park – one of the most popular in the borough – has been transformed thanks to a £5 million restoration project. The work forms part of the Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign. The celebrations included music, food and children's entertainment. Residents got a chance to take advantage of the Aveling Centre with its new café, community room, toilets and art gallery, the new skate park, the refurbished basketball courts, and the new synthetic bowling green.

- For more information about the new Lloyd Park visit the special section of the Council's website at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

### Post Games CPZ

Now that the Olympic and Paralympic Games have come to an end the Council is consulting residents in the south of the borough to find out whether they would like a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) operating in their streets. A temporary CPZ was put in place during the Games in order to prevent large numbers of spectators parking outside the homes of local residents while visiting the Olympic Park. Drawing on that experience the Council is now seeking the views of people living in the same areas to find out if they wish a similar system put in place permanently.

- Letters will be sent to residents in the coming days and more information will be available at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking).



Snow angels: Simon Munk and his children clear the pavements in their street in Walthamstow. Photo: Cleveland Park Residents' Association

## Angels in the snow

- It's never too early to get ready for winter
- Residents urged to join the ranks of Snow Angels all over the borough

**The Council's Snow Angels campaign is entering its third year with a drive to bolster the numbers of community-minded individuals prepared to help out in the event of snowfall.**

Snow Angels are members of the public who volunteer to help clear snow from their neighbourhood paths and pavements, complementing the work that the Council does. Their hard work helps to ensure that vulnerable people can get out and about. Last year the Council was able to

sign up 362 volunteers and this year hopes to bolster that number to 500.

The Council provides anyone prepared to volunteer with the necessary equipment, including a 20 kilogram bag of grit, a branded hi-visibility vest, protective gloves and a snow scoop or shovel – all free of charge.

"This year we're looking to recruit as many people as possible so that all areas of the borough will have people out clearing the snow from their pavements should

we need them," explained Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment.

"We will provide the equipment to anyone who can help, so if you're fit and able, get in touch and do something for your neighbourhood this winter."

One local resident who did just that, William Randall from Leyton, told Waltham Forest News about his experience earlier this year. "On the morning of Sunday 5 February we used the shovel and gloves to clear the pavement outside our home and those of our immediate neighbours, one of whom is quite elderly.

"I am the Minister of Hainault Road Baptist Church, and so we then went and cleared the pavements outside both the Church and the Sunday School Hall, including the paths and steps to each.

"This was particularly helpful as we had a lunch after the

morning service. I am glad to say that everyone got in and out safely with no accidents."

As well as supplying equipment, the Council is also looking to place grit bins in roads near Snow Angels. They will also be holding three pick-up days across the borough to provide snow kit, training and advice. The Council has devised a Good Practice for Snow Angels booklet and is looking to team up Snow Angels who live in the same area so they can work together and coordinate their actions.



William Randall is one of the borough's Snow Angels

### More info

To find out more about winter planning visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/winter-maint](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/winter-maint) or to join the growing ranks of Snow Angels phone Street Services on 020 8496 3000 or email [environmental.services@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.services@walthamforest.gov.uk)

# Walthamstow is London's Best Village

- Walthamstow Village scoops one more gold than Mo Farah!
- Three London in Bloom gold awards trebles last year's tally



Graham Shearman, Helen Lerner and Teresa Deacon picked up Walthamstow Village's three Gold awards

Walthamstow Village picked up a trio of top prizes at the prestigious London in Bloom Awards on 18 September, being recognised for its horticultural high standards, responsibility to the environment and community participation in being awarded a gold in the 'London's Best Village' category.

Helen Lerner, Chair of Walthamstow Village in

Bloom Committee, hadn't sat down long before she was asked to collect the award in the 'London's Best Floral Display' category, for the Village's planters and flowerbeds.

But the evening didn't end there and soon a third gold was being collected – this time on behalf of Mr and Mrs Martin of Church Lane in the 'Front Garden' category.

"Last year we took our first gold ever at the awards and so to treble our achievement this year was amazing," said Helen.

"Thanks need to go out to my fellow committee members Teresa Deacon, Graham Sherman and John Chambers for their staunch support and commitment.

"Together we'd also like to thank our wonderful gardening club members and all our volunteers and supporters, not least the WVRA committee and our sponsors including Fullers Builders and The Village Spar Stores.

"We also owe thanks to PCSO Russell Gillingham, the Hoe Street Ward Councillors, our MP Stella Creasy, Waltham Forest Council including Cllr Robbins and

Cllr Loakes, and especially Paul Tickner and his team from Kier including Cecil, our cleansing operative.

"Plus Paul Gasson deserves a special mention for designing the beautiful 2012 portfolio, and the 247 group at Vestry House Museum and the headmaster and pupils of Henry Maynard Junior School for showing round the judges."

## More info

If you would like to volunteer as part of the Walthamstow Village gardening club or become a member of the In Bloom committee, phone Helen Lerner on 0781 404 2499 or email [helen@walthamstowvillage.net](mailto:helen@walthamstowvillage.net)

## In brief



Mayor of Waltham Forest Cllr Richard Sweden directs the 'traffic' on the streets of Leytonstone.

## Car Free Day

The streets of Leytonstone had a day off from the relentless grind of traffic as Car Free Day came to the borough on Sunday 16 September. As well as Kirkdale Road and Church Lane being free of traffic all the afternoon's entertainment was free too, including performances from top ska band The Selector and supporting acts Jon Owen and The Known Unknowns and Rags Rudi. There were also children's entertainers on hand and an international food market, featuring food from around the world, as well as lots of other stalls.

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## Plumtree Studios

We have ambitious plans for Waltham Forest, and as part of our drive to create a better place to live we are transforming leisure centres across the borough as part of a multi-million investment programme.

Work starts this week on the transformation of Plumtree Studios into a state-of-the-art gym facility to help you get fit and stay healthy.

New facilities will include:

- A 70 station gym
- Cardio and resistance equipment
- Spacious free weights area
- Fully refurbished changing rooms
- Fast-track entry system

Unfortunately whilst work is underway Plumtree Studios will be closed from Monday 1 October and reopen in January 2013.

We are working closely with our leisure provider 'Better' to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum. Where possible we have relocated group exercise classes to other leisure centres in the borough but unfortunately some classes have had to be cancelled.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but please bear with us during this time, we promise it will be worth it.

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)



# What's On

## Sports and fitness

### Tai Chi classes

Thursdays, 7.30-9pm

The Studio, Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Chingford Road, E17 5AA  
A friendly tai chi class suitable for adults of all abilities. The syllabus includes relaxation exercises, body conditioning, forms, meditation, and self defence. Beginners welcome - just drop in. **For further details visit our website: [www.absolutetaichi.co.uk](http://www.absolutetaichi.co.uk).**

### Blackhorse and Standard Morris Dancers

Wednesdays 8-10pm

St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road (off Wood Street) E17 3JF  
Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris dancers welcome new female members to our weekly practices. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit while learning traditional English Morris dancing. No experience necessary, just come along and have a go. Musicians (male or female) also welcome. First term free to new members. **Visit [www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk](http://www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk) or phone 020 8527 2926 for further information.**



### Beginners 'Love to Run' course

Thursdays, 7.15pm

The Cottage, Marsh Lane, E10 7BL  
If you have been inspired by the Olympics to take up running the Eton Manor AC 'Love to Run' course will train beginners to run 5km in 9 weeks. For more information email [ettonmanorac2013@gmail.com](mailto:ettonmanorac2013@gmail.com) or phone Rachel Brittle on 07931 049638.

### Pilates Fusion

Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm

The Limes Community and Children's Centre, William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road, E17 6RX. This one hour session includes 30 minutes low impact cardio and 30 minutes Pilates for toning and strengthening the whole body. All fitness levels are welcome. You will learn all Pilates

principles, and how to perform them with ease. No jumping and no jarring to the body, which could cause injuries. Six week course £45. Book your place as soon as possible. **Phone Sonja on 07847 603 423 or visit [www.infinehealth.co.uk](http://www.infinehealth.co.uk).**

### Ladies only kickboxing

Thursdays, 10-11am; Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm

Legion Fitness Education centre, Unit 5 Transform House, 16 Wellington Road, E10 7QF. Female only kickboxing sessions. £5 per person. Come along and get fit while learning self defence in a secure, fun and friendly environment. **For more information phone 07538 900511 or visit [www.legion-fitness.com](http://www.legion-fitness.com).**



### West Essex Ramblers

Saturday 13 October, 9.30am

Meet outside Chingford Station. We are a friendly walking group with walks every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Sorry no dogs. Our walks are of varying lengths and locations, mostly in the countryside but sometimes in London. Join us for this 5 mile circular walk through fields and forest.

For a sample programme phone 020 8 502 1628 or visit [www.westessexramblers.org.uk](http://www.westessexramblers.org.uk).

### Yoga for healthy backs

Tuesdays, 7-9pm

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU. An eight week term paid for in advance. Starts 11 September but you can join later if you want. Classes include relaxation, pranayama and appropriate postures to help relieve and strengthen your core. **For full details phone Arlene on 07976 903003, email [info@yoga4birth.co.uk](mailto:info@yoga4birth.co.uk) or visit [www.yoga4birth.co.uk](http://www.yoga4birth.co.uk).**

### Flamenco dance class

Fridays, 9.45-12 noon

Church Hill Dance Studios, 6 Church Hill, E17 3RY  
Learn exciting Flamenco. Technique class (beginners welcome) 9.45-10.45am. Advanced/improvers class 11am-Noon. £5 per class, or £8 for both sessions. **For more information phone Vicki on 07757 370311.**

644841 or email [saborflamenco@talktalk.net](mailto:saborflamenco@talktalk.net)

### Ladies tap dancing

Thursdays, 1.15-2.15pm

St Edmund's Church small hall, Chingford Mount Road, Chingford Tap dancing classes - some experience required. £4 per class. **Phone Mandy on 07976 786404 or 01992 524681.**

### Pre and postnatal bellydance with Chloe

Mondays, 12pm; Wednesdays, 3pm; Fridays, 7pm

111a Hoe Street (entrance in Cairo Road), E17 4RX. Enjoy keeping fit during and after pregnancy with this beautiful dance form. Fully qualified pre and post natal dance instructor. Bellydancing is not only soothing for your baby but promotes strength, balance and coordination, preparing you for labour and recovery. All levels welcome. **For further details phone Chloe on 07903 629636, email [chloe@dancechloe.com](mailto:chloe@dancechloe.com) or visit [www.onestopfitness.co.uk](http://www.onestopfitness.co.uk).**

### Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8-9pm

North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Rd (opposite Budgens) An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, Bodybars, Gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class FREE, then £25 per month. **Please phone Lucilla on 07956 695077 to book your space, email [lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk](mailto:lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk) or visit [www.onestopfitness.co.uk](http://www.onestopfitness.co.uk).**



### Karate classes for all

Classes run seven days a week

Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Larkswood Leisure Centre, The Peter May Sports Centre and Forest School. Come along for a free trial Karate class for everyone at the leisure centres listed above.

**For more information visit [www.karate-london.co.uk](http://www.karate-london.co.uk) or phone 0845 4303 007.**

### Fun female fitness

Tuesdays, 6.15-7.15pm

Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton, E10 6EQ  
Come and try some fun female only activities in a comfortable environment. Lots of different activities to try such as circuits, badminton, volleyball, basketball, rounders, table tennis and more.

The session is coordinated by a qualified coach from the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and is for women of any age, all 16 plus. £1 per session. Just turn up and join in. **For more information contact 0208 365 5138 or [thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com](http://thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com)**



### Adults' football group

Mondays, 7pm. Leyton Youth Centre. Watched the Olympics?

Made you want to keep fit and get in to shape? Maybe it's made you want to get in to playing a sport. If so come along and get fit with some football training followed by a game of football with friendly local people. No need to be a Ronaldo, it is all about having fun. All we ask is for a very small fee to help us hire the pitch. 18+ only please. **For more information phone Chris on 07876 370311.**

### Women only jogging

Wednesdays, 9.30-10.30am

Abbotts Park, Leyton, E10  
Join in our fun, female only jogging group. Get fit, build up your fitness and confidence in a comfortable female only environment. The session is coordinated by a qualified leader from the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and volunteers from the local area and is for women of any age, all 16 plus. All abilities welcome. Free. Just turn up and join in. **For more information contact 0208 365 5138 or [thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com)**

Saturday 22 September. £8 per session. Discount when booking the whole course in advance. **To discuss, or book your place, phone Esme on 07985 220014 or email [info@heartfulnesstherapy.com](mailto:info@heartfulnesstherapy.com).**



### New baby massage

Mondays, 10.30-11.45am

Quaker Meeting House Wanstead, Bush Road, E11 3AU

You or your partner will be taught how to gain confidence in handling your baby. We all know how relaxed we feel when hugged and cuddled and touched. Massage is a good way to bond with your baby, assist digestion, improve muscle tone and help respiration which will hopefully lead to an improved sleep pattern. **For full details phone Arlene on 07976 903003, email [info@yoga4birth.co.uk](mailto:info@yoga4birth.co.uk) or visit [www.yoga4birth.co.uk](http://www.yoga4birth.co.uk).**

## Clubs and community

### Suntrap Open Day

Saturday 13 October, 1-5pm

Suntrap, Church Road, High Beach, Loughton, IG10 4AJ. Animal activities, exhibitions, forest walks and refreshments. Admission Free. All ages welcome. Shuttle Bus from Chingford Station at 12.50pm, 1.40pm, 2.25pm. Return from Suntrap 3.15pm, 4.30pm, 5pm. Limited parking at Suntrap £3 charge.



### The South Chingford Community Library

Saturdays, 10am-4pm;

Wednesdays, 10am-4pm;

Thursdays, 10am-2pm

265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 9LP

The South Chingford Community Library is extending its opening times from October. Handcraft sessions will start at the library on Thursday 10 October 2012.

### Open Heart Meditation

Saturdays, 10am. Quaker Meeting House, Walthamstow

New six week course starting

### City and East Therapy Practice

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### Highams Park Gardening Club

Second Tuesday of each month, 7.30-9.30pm

Winchester Road Methodist Church Halls, Winchester Road, E4 9JP  
Our back to basics gardening club includes "how to do" demonstrations. Practical workshops, plant swaps, gardening problem question time. Very friendly group, new members always welcome. Our October meeting includes a plant swap.

£1.50 each meeting, including raffle and refreshments. £4.50 membership. For more information phone David Spicer, club coordinator, on 020 8531 3178 or email david.spicer@yahoo.co.uk.

### RNLI quiz night

Saturday 13 October

TS Acorn, Waltham Forest Sea Cadets, King's Road, E4 7HR. Held in aid of the Lifeboats (RNLI) organised by the Chingford Branch and with an experienced quiz master. Tickets cost £10, which includes a fish or chicken and chips meal. Booking is necessary. For more information, and to book, phone 020 8529 3962.

### Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 11am – 3pm St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road) A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. For more information email info@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 0885.

### Sunset over London - tower tours of St John's Church

Thursdays, start times vary St John's Church, Leytonstone Experience stunning views of the local area, the Olympic Park and the city skyline from this newly-restored East London landmark. After your trip up the tower, enjoy fairtrade refreshments and live music from local professional musicians while you look around the church. Admission £12.50 or £10 for groups and concessions. £5 for 8-16 years (sorry, no under 8s). To book a space email bookings@stjohnleytonstone.co.uk or phone 020 8257 2792.

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### Culture and crafts

### Cheeky Handmades

Days and times vary

Beginners sewing, pattern cutting and quilting classes. £10 per hour plus materials. For full class listings, and to book, visit <http://bookwhen.com/cheekyhandmades>. For more

information and other classes email jennie@cheekyhandmades.co.uk.

### Tomorrow's Musicians Concert

Friday 26 October, 7.30pm

Temple of Truth Church Hall, Green Pond Road, E17. Tomorrow's Musicians is a non-profitable organisation that provides opportunities for young people to showcase their talent to a community audience. The concerts are used to help young musicians aged 5-24 to gain confidence whether they are in the early stages or on their way to becoming an accomplished musician. All welcome, entrance costs £1. If you would like to showcase your talent, please phone Yvonne Kirton on 0303 040 1455 (Mon-Thurs 12-4pm).

### Strung Out violin group for adults

Days and times vary

The Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU. Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with a professional musician whose work spans from the West End to Womad. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional tunes. Fun is the key ingredient! Mondays, 6.30-7.30pm for beginners. Tuesdays, 7-8pm for absolute beginners. Thursdays, 6.30-8pm for easy-intermediates. Private lessons also available for all age groups. Phone Alison Jones on 07740 622428, email info@shapeshifter-productions.com or visit [www.shapeshifter-productions.com](http://www.shapeshifter-productions.com).

### Leyton Gallery opening exhibition

Until end of September

ICT Suite, Leyton Library, High Road Leyton. A new art gallery featuring work by seven local artists has opened in the ICT Suite at Leyton Library. The gallery will be open Monday to Friday, 9am-6.50pm; Saturday, 9am-5.50pm and Sunday 12noon-3.50pm.

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Road, Chingford, E4 7EN.

A fun Halloween party for children aged 5-11. Fancy dress optional. A limited number of younger children will be considered. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Fusion Mix Martial Arts Academy will bring 'Kung Fu Panda' to the party. Have your photo taken with him and you'll get a free martial arts class. On sale are quality 'Halloween' foods, barbecue, sweets, face painting and merry go round ride. Licensed bar for over 18s. Entry £4 for children and £3 for adults. Book tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

To book a stall or order tickets phone Irene Bull on 020 8559 4500, email irenebull@hotmail.co.uk or visit [www.chingfordevents.com](http://www.chingfordevents.com).

### Salaam Peace Positive Routes multi-sports session

Tuesdays, 6-8pm. Kelmscott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road, E17. For 11-18 year olds. Just turn up and play. For more information email sab@salaampeace.org



### Music for early years with Jo and her Cello

Thursdays, 2pm

Chingford United Reformed Church, 2b Buxton Road, E4 7DP Fun music sessions for children aged three months to two years. Including action songs and nursery rhymes, music and movement, playing instruments with live cello.

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Club, founded in 1966. We have teams from U7 to U16 years. We also are looking to start a new Under 7's team for next season. All our coaches are FA qualified/CRB/First Aid. We train on Wednesdays and play in Sunday Leagues. If you would like to come along for a trial or attend a training session please call to book. For more information phone Paula on 07980 347772, email wadhamnews@aol.com or visit [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/wadham](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/wadham)

### E17 Gymnastics Club

Saturdays, 3-5pm

E17 Gymnastics Club offers classes for children every Saturday afternoon. Classes for 4-7 years olds at 3pm and 8-11+ at 4pm. All classes are £4 per child. Email us to register your child as spaces are filling up fast. Email [E17gym@googlemail.com](mailto:E17gym@googlemail.com), visit [www.facebook.com/E17GymnasticsClub](http://www.facebook.com/E17GymnasticsClub) or phone 07940 516366.

### E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays. Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH. Four different levels. Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. We perform regularly! Pay £7 (£5 beginners) for a taster session, then £42 (£30 beginners) for a half-term of six lessons. For more information phone Christian 07958 471083, email [chris@stunningmusic.com](mailto:chris@stunningmusic.com) or visit [www.stunningmusic.com](http://www.stunningmusic.com).

### Tell us what's on

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### Council Meetings



### Tuesday 2 October

Planning Committee

### Wednesday 3 October

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

### Tuesday 9 October

Cabinet, 5.30pm

### Wednesday 10 October

Health, Adults and Older Persons Scrutiny Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.

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NHS

GP practices can treat all aspects of general health including long term conditions and can help with stopping smoking, family planning, medication, blood pressure checks and dressing wounds.

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**“Registering with a GP is quick and easy.”**

Dr Kapoor,  
Waltham Forest GP



For more information on your local practice and how to register, go to [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call 0800 0926 995

## Black History Gala Night

**Friday 19 October 2012 7.30pm-11.30pm**



Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road,  
Walthamstow E17 4JF

**Doors open: 7pm Showtime: 7:30pm**

Compere: Robbie Gee & Eddie Nestor comedy

### Featuring

- Tony Hendricks • Quincy • Kat B
- Axel and Glenda Jaxson Plus Comfort
- local acts Mizz Camara, Jodi-Ann Forrester and The Real Deal

### Tickets prices

Adult - £8 under 16s £4.50, Family ticket £22.00

For tickets telephone 020 8496 3589  
between 10-4pm Wednesday to Friday

Tickets available at Ticket Web  
[www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk)  
or telephone 08444771000

For more information and  
other events please visit  
[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bhm](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bhm)





Walthamstow Film Festival judges Barry Bliss, David Jenkins, Kate Vogel, Liza Fletcher and Noel Goodwin. Photo by Jon Cartwright



Lexi Lenton outside the William Morris Gallery with Poetry on the Pavement by Henrietta Lynch. Photo by Mark Burton



E17 Art Trail launch event - A giant game of pass the parcel the length of the market by Original Army. Photo by Studio 3 Arts



'From the Deep' perform at The Stow Fest. Photo by Amanda Louise

## In brief

### Tell us your news

In every edition of Waltham Forest News the 'Community' page focuses on Waltham Forest's residents, groups and neighbourhood activities. Some of the stories we've covered over the years include sporting successes, individuals' fundraising efforts, clubs, hobbies and pastimes. The page focuses on each of the borough's four 'town centres' in turn, so Chingford, Leyton, Leytonstone and Walthamstow are each featured every four editions. Perhaps you volunteer at a local charity and want to tell us about a fundraising activity or maybe you want to find more people to join your group. If you've got an interesting, fun or inspiring story to tell we want to hear from you. Simply email us a brief description of your story, and photos, and we will consider including you in a future edition of Waltham Forest News.

• Email the Editor at [walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



### Positive Routes Homework Club

Local community engagement programme Salaam Peace is offering a free referral-based homework club for young people aged 12 to 19. The homework club meets at The Mill (7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA) every Sunday from 11am to 12noon and offers young people help with a range of school and college work. Access to laptop computers and a tutor is offered every week. Young people turn up with any homework and are given support to develop their skills and knowledge. Azi Mohammed, 14, said: "The club is great, as a group of friends we attend together and learn with and from each other." Salaam Peace also runs a number of sports, education and arts projects with the aim of promoting unity, respect and tolerance among the community.

• For more information on Salaam Peace visit [www.salaampeace.org](http://www.salaampeace.org). For more information on the homework club email [contact@salaampeace.org](mailto:contact@salaampeace.org).

### Youth Space

Wood Street based community centre The Soul Project re-launched its Youth Space with a free family event on Saturday 29 September. Young people had the chance to try out a range of fun activities such as music production, graphic design, drama and dance and there was also a variety show that included singing, dancing and more. The Youth Space is open from 5-7pm every Tuesday and Wednesday and all young people aged eight to 14 are welcome to attend. A range of activities will be available each week and youth workers will also be on hand to talk to young people and lead activities.

• For more information on the Youth Space visit [www.tspyouthspace.moonfruit.com](http://tspyouthspace.moonfruit.com) or phone 0870 626 0710.

## A summer of culture for E17

- Community-led events showcase Walthamstow's creative talent
- Thousands of residents and visitors attended art, music and film events

### Over the summer

**Walthamstow has been a bustling hive of cultural activity.**

The annual E17 Art Trail returned for its eighth year, running from Saturday 1 to Sunday 16 September. The theme for this year's trail was 'Bestow' and included more than 350 exhibitions and events at 180 venues. As ever, the trail was a huge success. Over 3,500 artists and makers shared their work at performances, exhibitions, talks and workshops during the festival.

Morag McGuire, an organiser of the E17 Art Trail, told Waltham Forest News: "We extended the festival to two weeks and could not believe the sheer range and ambition of the events from the artists involved. Shops, offices and health centres cleared floor, wall and window space and really let the art

occupy their businesses. And with so many artists inviting you into their homes and workplaces to see their latest creations the E17 Art Trail is a real home-grown local success story."

Following on from its successful debut in 2011, The Stow Festival returned to E17 from Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 September.

The four-day music festival saw performances from over 50 bands and performers at a very apt 17 venues around Walthamstow. The festival covered a variety of music styles and due to popular demand also included a number of club nights, with dance, electro and northern soul all making an appearance, as well as a silent disco, cabaret night and a karaoke night.

Emma Betts, Co-Chair of The Stow Festival, said: "It was fantastic to see

professional artists performing alongside local groups and young musicians performing for the first time. It gave the festival a special atmosphere. We had a terrific response from the community and we can't wait for the next one!"

The Walthamstow Film Festival took place as part of the E17 Art Trail with 77 people submitting their short films for judging.

The panel included local filmmaker Barry Bliss, the British Film Institute's (BFI) director of youth education Noel Goodwin and film critic David Jenkins.

First prize of the festival was awarded to 'Gas', a drama by E17-based film maker Kieron Clark.

Second prize went to 'High in the Sky', an animation by Kim Noce and Shaun Clark about a boy throwing a tantrum in a supermarket.

Finally, third prize was

claimed by Kelmscott School pupil Otis Tree for his film 'Action Movie'.

All 77 films were shown at Vestry House Museum on Saturday 8 and Saturday 15 September and the shortlisted films are available to view on the Walthamstow Film Festival website.

Liza Fletcher, Co-founder of Walthamstow Film Festival said: "We are reeling after the positive support and kind comments from filmmakers and visitors alike and hope to build on the success that this E17 event has created."

### More info

For more information visit [www.e17arttrail.co.uk](http://www.e17arttrail.co.uk), [www.stowfestival.com](http://www.stowfestival.com) and [walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com](http://walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

## In brief



A young resident adds his piece to the tapestry

### Kids create tapestry

Young people who paid a visit to Walthamstow's Vestry House Museum over the school summer holidays helped create a special 'tapestry' of the borough. Artist Shehnoor Ahmed worked with over one hundred visitors to create the multicoloured map of the borough. The tapestry grew over five weeks, as residents used a variety of fabrics, photographs and drawings to add people and places special to them to the map. The tapestry, entitled 'Our Walthamstow 2012', is on display at the Vestry House Museum as part of the Capture Waltham Forest exhibition. The workshops were part of Mapping the Change, a 2012 Olympic project recording the changes the Games brought to local people's lives. It is a partnership project with Hackney Museum supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

• For more information on events happening at Vestry House Museum visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vhm](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vhm) or phone 020 8496 3000.



Javelin thrower Ben Maru in action at the London Youth Games

## Local sportsmen eye the prize

- Javelin thrower Ben Maru shortlisted for a London Youth Games award
- Waltham Forest's athletics coach Darren Braithwaite also in the running

A promising young javelin thrower who represented the borough at the annual London Youth Games has been shortlisted for a prestigious award for his dedication to the competition.

Ben Maru, who attends Chingford Foundation School, is shortlisted for the Rick Grice Spirit of the Games Award. The award recognises a team or individual who best captures the positive nature of the London Youth Games.

Ben was nominated by the Council's Sports Development Team after he won gold in the javelin at this year's competition. It was the first time he had competed at the Youth Games and that made his win all the more impressive.

Ben said: "I feel honoured to have been shortlisted for such a prestigious award. It's been an exciting summer with the Olympics happening and me winning at the London Youth Games. It's spurred me on to train hard and be the best that I can be."

Also shortlisted for the Volunteer of the Year award is local athletics coach Darren Braithwaite. Darren is a two times bronze medallist in the 4x100 metres relay at the World Athletics Championships.

Darren now works to encourage vulnerable young people into athletics and coaches and mentors them. He is also Team Waltham Forest's athletics coach for the London Youth Games.

Darren said: "It's a great honour to be nominated for the award and I'm excited and surprised that I've been shortlisted. I'd be delighted if I won. Coaching young people is very rewarding, and our athletes have been inspired by the Olympics. They've been saying 'Coach, we want to be in Rio!' So that's my four year plan now, to get some students competing at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games."

The Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Evening will take place at Lord's Cricket Ground on Tuesday 9 October.

The annual event also sees former competitors who have gone on to achieve sporting success inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Recent inductees into the Hall of Fame include double Olympic champion Mo Farah, quadruple Paralympic champion David Weir and Tour de France winner Bradley Wiggins.

The Council also nominated rower Tadhg Reid, aquathlon and cycling volunteer Jackie Antoine, hockey and rowing coach Matt Lovell and Waltham Forest Girls Cricket Team for an award. Unfortunately they were not shortlisted, but nevertheless deserve recognition for their dedication to sport in Waltham Forest.

## More info

For more information on the London Youth Games and how you can take part visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sports-development](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sports-development) or phone 020 8496 3000.



### Rush Croft Sports College - A Winning Specialist School

11-16 Mixed Comprehensive. Headteacher: Mr Mark Morrall

Rushcroft Road, Chingford, London E4 8SG  
020 8531 9231 [www.rushcroft.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.rushcroft.waltham.sch.uk)

**OPEN EVENING: Monday 8th October 2012, 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

The Head Teacher will address parents at 6.30pm in the Main Hall about the drive for excellence.

*'The school's work on Community Cohesion is exemplary and has a marked impact in creating a welcoming environment where students from a wide range of backgrounds feel safe and get on well together. The quality of Care, Guidance and Support is outstanding'*

*'The school has an extraordinary raft of strategies in place to raise achievement. Specialist Sports status has been instrumental in driving improvements' (Ofsted 2010)*

Rush Croft is a Specialist College with good facilities for sports and arts and a vibrant learning atmosphere. Students work well with their teachers, enjoy coming to school and benefit from a range of opportunities to develop their leadership skills and strengthen their personal development. Children of all aptitudes and every ability and background are warmly welcomed.

If you would like a tour of the school during the school day these are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 9.15am.



A range of home equipment and aids are available to older people, such as this 'bogus caller' button. The aids and support available to older and vulnerable people are dependent on individuals circumstances. Photo by Tunstall Healthcare (UK) Ltd.

## Help at home

- **Telecare service offers help for vulnerable people**
- **Referrals can be made by residents, carers or family**

**Waltham Forest Council is committed to protecting the borough's most vulnerable residents and providing them with the help and support they need. The vast majority of people want to maintain their independence and stay in their own homes and our job is to help them do that.**

This knowledge ties in with a national shift towards personal budgets and direct payments, which mean older residents or those with disabilities buy-in the services or support they want rather than have it prescribed to them in a 'one size fits all' approach.

One team hard at work helping vulnerable adults maintain their independence is the Council's Telecare Team. Part of Adults and Social Services, the team offers residents who may be vulnerable, housebound or have health issues aids

and equipment to enable them to call for help in an emergency.

Perhaps the most familiar device on offer is the alarm pendant. This is worn around the neck or wrist and lets you call for help if you have had a fall or are in some sort of difficulty. The pendant is connected to your telephone line, and the system is monitored 24/7.

Other equipment that may be on offer depending on individual circumstances includes gas, temperature, smoke and flood detectors. These can be useful if someone has a tendency to forget to switch their home appliances off.

Similarly, the Telecare Team can, in appropriate circumstances, offer automatic pill dispensers for those that have trouble remembering to take their medication. Mobility aids may also be on offer for those who have trouble

getting about their home and 'bogus caller' buttons may also be available in special circumstances.

If this sounds like something you might benefit from, then you just need to contact the Council's Telecare Team and talk through your circumstances. You'll need to provide some details, including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of people who should be called in case of an emergency.

If you are a carer or a family member of someone who could potentially benefit from a Telecare assessment, then you can also get in touch – just drop the Telecare Team a line to discuss the situation.

### More info

For more information call the Council's Telecare Team on **020 8496 3000**.

## In brief



### Senior citizens' Christmas celebrations

Registration is now open for a series of free Christmas celebration events for senior citizens to be hosted by Waltham Forest Council. This year to celebrate the end of our Olympic Year the Council will put on festive meals across the borough for 2012 of our older residents. This follows the success of last year's events which saw over 800 residents join the Council for a two-course Christmas meal and entertainment. Any Waltham Forest resident aged 65 or over is eligible to attend this year's free events but places must be booked in advance. Registration will be open from Monday 1 October to Friday 26 October. The events will take place between Monday 10 and Friday 14 December in Walthamstow, Chingford and Leyton.

- To register your place phone 0161 829 6696 between 10.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday or email [xmasdinners2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:xmasdinners2012@hotmail.co.uk). Registration closes on Friday 26 October. For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/christmas-celebrations](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/christmas-celebrations).



### Residents Conference 'Making The Difference'

**Saturday 20 October 2012  
10.30am - 3.00pm**

at Frederick Bremer School,  
Siddeley Road, Walthamstow E17 4EE  
**Lunch will be provided**



- Have your say on our future vision
- New ways of getting involved
- Benefit changes that could affect you

**PLUS take part in our 'Give or Take Event' by bringing your unwanted items and taking items you do want, for free!**

### To book your place or for further information

call us on: 020 8496 4942 or email: [resident.involvement@aschamhomes.org.uk](mailto:resident.involvement@aschamhomes.org.uk)

# Recycle your electricals from home for free

Anything with a battery, plug or charger can be recycled



Free collections  
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## Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION  
14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS ROADS,  
IMPLEMENTATION OF WOOD STREET CONTROLLED  
PARKING ZONE) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON  
WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012. TT21**

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 28th September 2012 it made an Order to enable road marking works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in certain roads.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads or sections of roads:-

(a) Barrett Road  
between its junction with Greenacre Gardens and its junction with Wood Street;  
(b) Chestnut Avenue North;  
(c) Church Hill Road;  
(d) Havant Road;  
(e) Marlowe Road;  
(f) Roland Road;  
(g) Shernall Street,  
between the northern boundary of No. 70 Havant Road and the southern boundary of No. 26 Shernall Street;

(h) Turner Road;  
(i) Woodlands Road; and  
(j) Wood Street,  
(i) between a point 10 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Barrett Road and a point 10 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Barrett Road.

(ii) between a point 20 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Chestnut Avenue North and a point 20 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Chestnut Avenue North;

(iii) between a point 30 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Marlowe Road and a point 30 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Marlowe Road; and

(iv) between a point 10 metres north of the northern kerb-line of Woodlands Road and a point 30 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Woodlands Road.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.

4. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:-

(a) in connection with the said works; or  
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

5. The Order will come into operation on 1st October 2012 and will be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

NOTE: These works will not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets will be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which will give more specific details on the exact dates of the restrictions.

**Dated 1st October 2012**  
**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and  
Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall  
Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
EXPERIMENTAL INTRODUCTION OF WAITING**

**RESTRICTIONS AND FREE SHORT TERM PARKING  
PLACES – HICKMAN AVENUE AND JUBILEE AVENUE  
THE WALTHAM FOREST (WAITING AND  
LOADING RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT NO. 26)  
EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDER 2012  
THE WALTHAM FOREST (FREE PARKING  
PLACES) (SHORT STAY) (AMENDMENT NO. 13)  
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2012. T25**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) on 28th September 2012 made the above Orders under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended. The Order will come into force on 8th October 2012 and may continue in force for up to 18 months.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:-

(a) introduce waiting restrictions operating "at any time" and between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays into Hickman Avenue and Jubilee Avenue;

(b) introduce free short term parking places operating "at any time", with a maximum stay time of 30 minutes and with no return within 2 hours, into certain sections of Hickman Avenue.

3. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except Bank Holidays), from the date on which this notice is published until the Orders cease to have effect, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF and (b) Low Hall Depot, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Where it appears necessary for certain purposes, an officer authorised by the London Borough of Waltham Forest, may, in pursuance of section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, modify or suspend any provisions of the experimental Traffic Orders while they are in force.

5. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the experimental Orders should be continued in force indefinitely by means of permanent Orders made under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person may object to the making of the permanent Orders for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the experimental Orders come into force or, if the Orders are varied by other Orders or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the variation or modification or the latest variation or modification came into force. Any such objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made and be sent to Traffic Orders, Environment and Regeneration, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference Traffic Orders T25. Any objection may be communicated to, or be seen by, other persons who may be affected.

6. If any person wishes to question the validity of either of the Orders or of any of their provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

**Dated 1st October 2012**  
**Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and  
Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall  
Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF WAITING  
RESTRICTIONS – LARKSHALL ROAD  
The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading  
Restrictions) (Amendment No. 25) Order 2012. T24**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 28th September 2012 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce new waiting restrictions operating "at any time" into certain sections of Larkshall Road.

3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 4th October 2012 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at: (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**Dated 1st October 2012**

**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and  
Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall  
Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

**PRESS STATEMENT****1 BLENHEIM ROAD, STRATFORD E15 1UF**

Mr M Dad has appealed against the London Borough of Waltham Forest's decision to serve an Enforcement Notice for the unauthorised change of use of the land from a single dwelling house to two separate residential units.

An Inquiry is to be held on 6th November 2012 at 10.00am at the Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JF. An independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will chair the Inquiry and decide the appeal.

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views or send in written comments to the Planning Inspectorate at the address below quoting the reference: APP/U5930/C/12/2178462.

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Mr Kevin Carpenter 3/26 Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel: 0117 372 6344.

**If members of the public wish to discuss the case  
with an officer of the Council, they should contact  
Robert Hewson on 020 8496 6717.**

## Planning

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER  
2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

**APPL.NO** 2012/1281

**APPLICANT** Mr Mustafa Yaman

**ADDRESS** Lion And Key House, 475 – 477 High Road Leyton, London E10 5EL

**PROPOSAL** Alterations to provide 12 self-contained flats for support and living centre (use class C2) and change of use of staff accommodation (use class C2) in rear building into six one- bed flats (use class C3).

**APPL.NO** 2012/1317

**APPLICANT** Arsenal Football Club PLC

**ADDRESS** The Hale End Road , Sports Ground, 99 Wadham Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4LU

**PROPOSAL** Demolition of existing pavilion and erection of two storey facilities building and two storey maintenance store building, and extension and re-arrangement of car parking areas.

**APPL.NO** 2012/1320

**APPLICANT** Mr Aubrey Vaughan Dick

**ADDRESS** 497-501 Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London E10 7ED

**PROPOSAL** Demolition of existing east/west wing and construction of part three and part four storey building to provide additional 81 rooms (hostel accommodation). Provision of amenity spaces and landscaping.

**APPL.NO** 2012/1324

**APPLICANT** CBHA

**ADDRESS** Woodhouse Tavern, Public House, 119 Harrow Road, Leytonstone, London; E11 3PX

**PROPOSAL** Demolition of public house and erection of part three, part four storey building comprising 14 dwellings (4x1 bed, 5x2 bed, 4x3 bed and 1x4 bed) with car and cycle parking, landscaping and refuse/ recycling stores.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

**Dated this day**

**01 October 2012**

**David Scourfield – Head of Development  
Management**

**On Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest**

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...there are plenty of textile banks available around your area where clothes and shoes can be deposited for reuse. You can also donate your pre-loved textiles at banks at your local Reuse and Recycling Centre. With nine Reuse and Recycling Centres across north London, there's bound to be one near you!

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## Creating a better place to live

We want you to make the most of your borough and enjoy what's on offer right on your doorstep. We will continue to improve leisure facilities in Waltham Forest so there's something fun for everyone to enjoy.

### So far this year we have:

- Reopened the William Morris Gallery after a £5million redevelopment, which included new exhibition spaces and galleries.
- Restored Lloyd Park after a £4.48million renovation with new gardens, landscaping, exciting play facilities, and a new Aveling Centre with a café and art gallery.
- Upgraded the tennis courts at Abbotts Park including two new mini courts to help budding Andy Murrays develop their skills.
- Got one step closer to having a cinema in the borough after an agreement was signed between developers and Empire Cinemas to bring a nine-screen cinema to Walthamstow.
- Received a Community Green Flag for Hawkwood Nature Reserve in Chingford which recognised the partnership between The Friends of Hawkwood Nature Reserve and the Council.
- Confirmed that the Heritage Lottery Fund will support the £6.5million Walthamstow Wetlands Project to transform 200 hectares of reservoirs into a public urban wetlands and nature reserve.
- Improved Leyton Jubilee Park which now has a new basketball court and play facilities.

### Leisure centres

We are working closely with our leisure provider 'Better' to transform leisure centres across the borough as part of a multi-million investment programme. So however you enjoy staying active there's something to look forward too.

Even the newest facility, Larkswood Leisure Centre, has been spruced up and visitors to Kelmscott Leisure Centre have already seen improvements to the sports hall and football pitch and will soon benefit from a new gymnasium floor when the work is finished in November.

Work starts this week on Plumtree Studios and once complete you will be able to take advantage of a new state of the art gym facility to help you get fit and stay healthy. For more information on the changes to Plumtree Studios turn to page 7.

The programme will also see Leyton Leisure Lagoon and Cathall Leisure Centre completely refurbished and Waltham Forest Pool and Track rebuilt. Look out for more information as the programme progresses.

### Improvements to parks

Waltham Forest has the most green space of any London borough north of the Thames. Our

programme of work to enhance our parks continues and you will no doubt see changes to your local park or open space in the future.

Works will range from improving play areas for our children and introducing green gyms to help keep you active, to refurbishing toilets, renewing pathways and painting fences to help improve the appearance of the park and entice you to get the maximum out of it.

Drapers Field will receive a radical overhaul where local talent will be able to compete on a new all-weather pitch, and our youngsters will be able to have a kick about on a grass junior football pitch.

We will keep you informed of all the latest leisure improvements through Waltham Forest News and online at

**[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)**



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## Creating a better place to live

As part of our drive to create a better place to live we are investing in schools to give our children the best chance of a bright future. To accommodate an increase in demand for primary school places and provide decent school buildings we are carrying out work to some primary schools in the borough as part of a multi-million investment programme.

Works will vary at each school and range from major construction work, such as extensions, to small adaptations to existing buildings. Twenty-two schools will have building work, these include:

- Buxton Primary School in Leytonstone has undergone internal improvements to the classroom area and has more toilets.
- To cater for additional pupil places, George Mitchell Primary School in Leyton is modifying the building internally to create an additional classroom.

- Parkside Primary School in Chingford has also benefitted from internal changes to increase classroom space.
- Major construction work is taking place at St Saviours C of E Primary School in Walthamstow. Pupils will benefit from a new reception class, medical room, kitchen, hall and library.

As part of Waltham Forest's secondary school programme pupils at Leytonstone Secondary School will see the building refurbished and Willowfield Secondary School will be relocated with two new classrooms.

We will keep you informed of the latest news on the schools building programme through Waltham Forest News and online at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)



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